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Baden

1. Heavy snow fall before and on 30 January 1952 prevented the approach to the yards of the barracks installation at Baden (O 49/X 37), which is located on the road Baden-Soos. Vehicles driven to and from the installation included jeeps

 sedans
 tank truck trucks

All drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets.

In addition, there were van-like truck

 all of which were operated by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets. Sedan was parked in front of the barracks installation. Six trucks were parked at Doblhof, where sentries wore black-bordered black epaulets. Trucks

 driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, were observed leaving Doblhof. The buildings at 98 through 100 Helenental were guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks

 were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified there. About 26 trucks were parked in the yard of Helenentalhof, which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Jeep and sedan driven by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets; jeeps and sedan

operated by drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at Helenentalhof.

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Bruck an der Leitha

2. On 1 February, 1 sentry and 1 major with black-bordered red epaulets, 2 majors with red-bordered black epaulets, and jeep and truck both parked, were observed at the so-called new komendatura. The camp in the woods near Bruck was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. A unit of 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets was seen marching to the camp from the direction of the garage southeast of the railroad station. In addition, six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; van-like truck and sedan were seen at the camp. All of the drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets. Five trucks, 4 van-like trucks and 1 SU-100 SP gun were parked at the garage southeast of the railroad station.

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* Comment. The information generally confirms GHE troops of the Central Group of Forces as still being stationed in Baden and Bruck an der Leitha.

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